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Dear Sir:

Responsive to Examiner's Office Action dated July 23, 2002, Applicants amend this application as follows:

## In the Claims:

Cancel claims 12 and 21; amend claims 1, 2, 13, 14, and 15 as follows:

1. A method for forming shallow trench isolation structures, comprising:

forming a plurality of isolation trenches in a substrate, the isolation trenches separating active areas;